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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/394,745
Filed: September 15, 1999
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**
Inventors: Dane K. FISHER *et al.*
Atty. Docket No.: 16517.001/38-21(15454)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appellant's Brief, including Appendices A through C (in triplicate)
2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, including Exhibit A (in duplicate); and
3. Return postcard.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter no. 16517.001/15454B:

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